

for department store workers

Committee To Study Coverage As Blood Bank Nears Thousand Pints



Mrs. Florence Fusco of the Receiving Department proudly displays the first pint of blood she has ever given while President Sam Kovenetsky, Vice Presidents Hoffstein and Atkinson and a Red Cross nurse look on.

Wage-Hour Hearings Stalled as the Search For An Arbitrator Continues

Hope that the wage-hour arbitration would by now be under way faded in mid-May when it was learned that Macy's had rejected all but one of the men proposed by the American Arbitration Association.

By contrast, Local 1-S had found many of the arbitrators on the list acceptable, but had not included the one agreeable to the company.

As a result, additional time was needed by the AAA to prepare another list which—it can be presumed—will be as carefully scrutinized by the company as by the officers and attorney of Local 1-S.

"Much thought and care must go into the selection of an arbitrator," said President Sam Kovenetsky. "Experience has taught us

that there are those who start out with a compromise in mind, while others will hand down decisions based on the facts that have been submitted.

"I and Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson, along with attorney Asher Schwartz have enough confidence in the strength of our case to seek an arbitrator whose decision will be based only on facts. That's all we ask!"

Dope Sheets

"To give you an idea of the importance of having the right arbitrator hear your case," said the Local 1-S leader, "a whole new business has grown up around selling dope sheets on arbitrators. Some enterprising businessmen rounded up all the infor-

mation they could get about the men who are used by the reputable arbitration agencies. For a fancy price they will sell that information to anybody who is trying to decide who the best person would be to hear their case.

"We are fortunate in that our law firm of O'Donnell and Schwartz has first hand knowledge and experience, as have we, in the selection of impartial third parties.

"It is a time consuming, long and often drawn out process. But it is usually time well spent."

Squeeze Play

The more time that goes by, said Vice Presidents Hoffstein and Atkinson, "the more the pressure on Macy's."

"On the one hand they would like to be able to ask an arbitrator to give us nothing, because our contract runs out at the end of January. But on the other hand, they know that we will hit them with everything we've got if the major part of our demands aren't satisfied.

"Our merger with the RWDSU added more pressure to the company, because we will be the only store in the city without a contract. In their own self interest, as well as in the interest of good trade unionism, we can expect all the support that may be needed to carry on whatever kind of fight we may choose to wage!"

In his letter, the President said, "The only reason we have not yet won the \$1.25 an hour minimum wage is because there are men in Congress who are not very friendly to labor.

"Simple? So is the solution! All we have to do is continue the job which was so well begun last year and elect more of our friends to speak for us in Washington and

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The big question soon to be answered by the Local 1-S, Macy's Blood Bank Committee is "Can the Bank continue its present coverage based on the response to this year's drive?"

While a total of 905 pints has already been poured into the Bank, exclusive of the Flatbush contributions, the Committee must examine the fact that the final figure may be only slightly more than was received last year and that for the last five months several thousand additional people have had access to the Bank.

The breakdown of contributions, by stores, is as follows:

Herald Square	761 pints
Parkchester	73 pints
Jamaica	71 pints

Flatbush Donor Day was May 26th, and reports were not available as this issue of the Local 1-S NEWS went to press.

White Plains is unable to participate in the drive because the Westchester County Medical Society has not yet recognized the no-charge Blood Program of the Red Cross.

Coverage??

Since last January 25th the Blood Bank has extended its free-

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1-S Picnic To Bear Mountain Set For June 26

A gay bus ride, picnic (or luncheon at the Inn) and a day of sports or relaxation at beautiful Bear Mt. State Park is set for Sunday, June 26th for the first 400 members of Local 1-S to buy tickets for themselves, their family and friends.

Sponsored by the Union's Welfare Board, the outing promises to be one of the most pleasant ever undertaken.

Round trip fare for children under 12 will be only \$1.65, and for adults \$1.95.

Buses will leave from in front of the 34th Street store at 9AM on the dot and will return at 9PM. Further details will be announced by leaflet.

Tickets are now available through members of the Welfare Board or at the Union office. For the time of your life dig out the picnic basket and get your tickets today!

Union Denounces Macy Decision to Open Saturdays

Macy's arrogant decision to go ahead with summer Saturday openings without regard for the interests of the people who work in the store was sharply challenged at a meeting of Local 1-S Vice President Phil Hoffstein with Macy's Fred Fischer.

"Local 1-S, as a representative of its members, denounced Macy's act in no uncertain terms," said the Vice President. "Not because Macy's does not have a contractual right to open, but because the company, by exercising that right, is once again putting profits above the welfare of the people.

"Macy's hides behind the old excuse of 'meeting their competition' to put something like this over on the people. But we, on behalf of the people, have let Macy's know that we are wise to, and resent, what they have done."

VACCINE SNAFU DELAYS UNION SHOT PROGRAM

The failure of the Federal government to exercise control over both the production and distribution of the Salk polio vaccine has resulted in delay and confusion.

While no doubts have been raised concerning the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine itself, the national inoculation program has suffered as a result of governmental uncertainty.

As a consequence, the Local 1-S program of inoculation for children not covered by the New York City school plan has also been delayed.

The Union program will provide inoculations at the Union office at no more than the cost of the vaccine, when it becomes available.

To be sure of obtaining this vital protection for your young ones, write to:

INOCULATION

LOCAL 1-S

290 Seventh Avenue

New York 1, New York

giving the following information: Your name and staff number; the name, age, grade and school of the child or children you want inoculated.

As soon as the vaccine is available you will be notified.

Early Returns Point to Successful 1955 PAC Fund Raising Campaign

Reports have begun trickling in to the Union office indicating that the response to the 1955 campaign for funds for CIO's Political Action Committee may be another record breaker for Local 1-S.

Every Shop Steward of Local 1-S received the books with a covering letter from President Sam Kovenetsky in which he urged that they "personally help guarantee the success of the drive".

BRANCH STORE NEWS

FLATBUSH

Hi everybody! This is your ex-reporter, Anne Bowen, pinch-hitting for Rose Nagler who is now having a grand old time in Gay Paree and will soon be on her way to jolly olde England after visiting Italy and Switzerland. Fancy her meeting Dorothy Gabbe (F4) who is also enjoying foreign soil. Joan Leonard (F10) is also planning a trip home to England. . . . Glad to see Anne Siegel (Shoes), Margaret Von Holzen (Drugs), Elizabeth Liebowitz (Art Needlework), Beatrice Langor, Helen Magrath (Jr. Deb) and all the others who have returned. . . . Mildred Birdwell (Lingeries), Dorothy Kaye (F10) and Anne Rosenfeld (Dresses) are still on the sick list. Hope they'll be back and feeling themselves again real soon. . . . Sincere condolences to Roslyn Harrigan (F5) upon her recent loss. . . . That great little old man (Mr. Stork) has been quite busy in Flatbush lately. He had added four more stockholders to his list. . . . It was MANY happy returns of the day when Ruth Friedman (F4) and her entire family got together to celebrate her mother's 80th birthday. . . . Try to see your Credit Union representatives, Marion Herman and Anne Bowen on Fridays between 12 noon and 2PM—you may need extra money for your vacation. . . . Thanks to all who pledged to our Blood Bank drive.



Anne Bowen

WHITE PLAINS



Bill Bittner

We have been pleased to have our old friend and Administrator of yore, Tony Puca, back with us. We all recognize the fact that we have some tough sledding to look forward to as our contract moves rapidly towards expiration at the end of this year. Macy's has shown its "new look" in their attitude towards some of our problems and current negotiations, and we can expect that this will be only the beginning. . . . At our regular meeting of Shop Stewards in mid-May we were pleased to learn that our Union—also looking ahead—has already begun the practical work of developing an education program aimed at helping us to better understand and cope with the difficult days ahead. It is certainly to be hoped that all Stewards will give maximum attention and support to this effort. . . . In line with developing our ability to resist any attacks upon us, two of our Stewards, "Click" Ruppert and John Russo, have been named to head our White Plains Political Action Committee. They will meet with the PAC group in New York and coordinate our efforts for better laws and better representatives. . . . Back PAC by giving a dollar when your Steward comes around to sign you up for a year's membership. . . . Peter Gilhooley and Jack Toucey named to the Westchester CIO Council, which is another arm in labor's fight for right.

PARKCHESTER

Reporter Fay Mattimiro has been out ill for some time. It is the hope of all that she will soon be well and back among her co-workers real soon. . . . Two activities of general interest have occupied—or should occupy—attention in Parkchester, and throughout the Union. . . . The first was the Blood Bank, which received a total of 73 pints from up here. High praise and sincere thanks to those who gave—and those who indicated their willingness to give when they signed the Pledge Sheet. There are many members in the store who can personally attest to the great value of the Bank—and that makes it difficult to understand the many who refuse to even consider giving to it. As time goes by, however, more people realize that giving is easy and that the Blood Bank—which is available to all—is priceless. Maybe next time around we will see more first-timers on the line. . . . Since May 23rd every Shop Steward in the store (and in the whole Union) has had Political Action Committee coupon books. This is the way our Union, and the rest of CIO, raises money with which to press for the passage of laws helpful to everyone who has to work for a living. Let's help all our Stewards get 100 percent support. Back PAC!



Fay Mattimiro

JAMAICA

Keep your eyes on our softball team. We hear tell they are doing fine in their early games and are heading for the number one berth in the finals. . . . Marion Whitbeck (J19) is back with us after flying back from Ireland to the good old USA in ten hours. She says her plane almost broke the sound barrier. While she was overseas she visited Dublin, Killarney, Trallee and many other cities. Wouldn't have missed it for anything, she says. . . . The stork sure did visit us here at Jamaica. Congratulations to Chris Perno (Packer) and her husband Charlie. A baby girl. Ditto to Florence Grieshaber (Telephone Switchboard on leave). It was a boy to Vincent Kellerher, called Peter Vincent. . . . Tony LaSalvia attended a dinner in memory of Philip Murray at the Waldorf Astoria, along with the officers and other members of our Union. . . . We would like to thank all the "guys and dolls" who pledged and gave so generously to our recent Blood Bank drive. Let us hope that when the final count is in that there will be enough to meet the needs of all who call upon the bank for aid. . . . Wedding bells rang out for Alice Hughes' (J2) daughter Jane. Congratulations and best wishes. . . . Ann Smith (J4) back with us after a wonderful vacation—and feeling that way, too. . . . Political Action Committee collection now going on. Let's give it our fullest support!

Union Campaign For \$1.25 Minimum Goes On As Need For Pressure Rises

In the first week of the Local 1-S post card campaign in support of the \$1.25 an hour minimum wage, extended to include retail workers, more than 3500 cards were picked up by Executive Board members and Shop Stewards and circulated in all areas of the store.

In most cases, the floor and department leaders collected the signed cards and mailed them personally, in order to assure the fastest fulfillment of the Union's drive for a minimum of 8000 messages.

In response to the enthusiasm with which the postcards were being used, the Union ran an additional 5000 cards, which are now available at the Union office.

The message, which is addressed to Senator Paul Douglas, Chairman of the Senate Labor Subcommittee, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., says:

I am a retail worker to whom the \$1.25 an hour minimum wage—and coverage under the law—is very important. The continued high cost of living makes the \$1.25 minimum an absolute necessity.

That is why I urge you to support Senator Lehman's Bill

(S.662) which is now before your committee.

Now Is the Time

With the entire New York State Congressional delegation now firmly committed to support of the \$1.25 measure, and many others who have also pledged their backing, now is the time to flood Senator Douglas with mail.

On the subcommittee with Douglas is department store owner Sen-

ator Goldwater of Arizona. He has been lending a sympathetic ear to all industry representatives who have argued against increasing the minimum or extending the coverage of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

It's up to you to make your voice heard. Write today! Have your husband or wife and friends, family and neighbors do the same!

The Impact of the \$1.25 Minimum

More than four million workers—approximately 20 percent of the labor force supposed to be protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act—are now paid wages of less than \$1.25 an hour.

Three-quarters of them wouldn't gain anything, directly and immediately, from enactment of the Eisenhower-Mitchell 90 cent minimum wage program.

Slightly more than one million make less than 90 cents and would get immediate raises from the administration program.

But there are 600,000 paid between 90 cents and \$1 an hour—and they wouldn't benefit.

There are 1.4 million more workers earning above \$1.10 and less than \$1.25 an hour—and they wouldn't benefit.

An increase in the legal minimum to \$1.25 an hour would scarcely lay an intolerable burden on industrial employers.

Although 20 percent of the "covered" workers earn less than \$1.25 an hour, a boost in their wages would increase payrolls for all "covered" workers only about 2.6 percent.

From the CIO News

Twenty Shop Stewards Receive Diplomas For Grievance Study



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Twenty Local 1-S Shop Stewards received Cornell University Extension School diplomas and the warm thanks and congratulations of President Sam Kovenetsky on their recent completion of a Union course on the technique of properly handling grievances.

The course, which was taught by Mr. Herbert Levine—director of the Labor-United Nations Study Tour Program, was designed to give the know-how of contract enforcement as well as a general

understanding of the important place the Steward holds in the Union.

Planned by Local 1-S Education Director Dick Pastor in conjunction with the Cornell University Extension School, the six week course was described by members of the class as "just terrific".

Composition of the class ranged from Stewards with thirteen years of seniority to one with only five months of service, during three of

which he has served as his department leader.

Those who received diplomas are: Joseph Adams, Eli Adelman, Dorothea Andrews, Ruby Butcher, Frances Caucicchi, Margot Cohn, Allan De Leon, Myra Dutrieuille, Beatrice Eno, Robert Enoch, Beatrice Fant, Thomas Farrelly, Jacques Levy, Christine McCarthy, Alice McCormack, Eleanor Pankenier, Pauline Panossian, Pearl Rossman and Edith Stern.

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Talking Shop

By Vice Presidents



Phil Hoffstein



Bill Atkinson

MACY'S HAS BEEN QUIETLY PLAYING WITH DYNAMITE that could blow countless jobs sky high if their dangerous game is not brought to a sudden halt!

Not in the longest memory of any of our Local's citizens can anyone recall Macy's selling merchandise that isn't even displayed in the store. Yet that is precisely what the company did within the last few weeks.

The product of a blanket manufacturer was put on sale at the Telephone Order Board. None of the commission workers in the department knew of its existence. None of them received a penny for its sale.

No Receiving Department workers handled this merchandise. No Markers marked it. No Packers packed it. All the orders that were written were sent directly to the warehouse where the orders were filled.

This latest Macy "gimmick" is truly explosive. It is impossible to say at this time whether the company will press ahead and experiment elsewhere with it, or whether they will drop it. The answer, we presume, will depend on Macy's evaluation of whether it is worth risking an all-out war with the Union.

The past president of the company, Mr. Weil, was criticized by the corporate brass for not being a good merchant and for being too concerned with people. The present "merchants" who are running the store apparently don't give two hoots for the people who, over the years have produced greater and greater profits for the company. It is only the people themselves—and the Union they have formed and built—that is concerned with their day-to-day problems.

Because our Union is strong—and because every member knows that his voice and his vote run our affairs—we can expect that the final answer to what Macy's is doing will be made with the full participation of the entire membership!

The company's attempt to evade the cost of doing business with Local 1-S is no different from what other businesses have done by closing up shop and running away to unorganized sections of our country. But the people who are responsible for Macy's policies had better face the fact that they can't run away—and that so long as they stay around they're going to have to do business with their 8,000 workers who are united, strong, and determined not to allow them to get away with such tactics.

Macy's has not been—and will never become—a telephone order or mail order business so long as the workers in the store and the Union have anything to say.

For the company the question is not the selling of more blankets, but an attempt to sell them without the benefit of any but a small group of workers with whom they have a contract.

For the worker the question is the preservation of jobs and the right to live as productive members of society. The question is also the safeguarding of standards that it has taken sixteen long, hard years to achieve.

Macy's has never willingly given their workers one single, solitary thing that represented an improvement in wages, or working conditions or living conditions. Everything that is in the contract—from the minimum wage and automatic raises, to the five-day week, job security, Health Plan and Pension Plan—have all been fought for. Out of the fighting has come victory after victory—not because Macy's saw the light and decided to be reasonable, but because they saw the light and knew that the people would give them a bloody nose if they didn't part with some of the money the people themselves had piled up for them.

And now the company has planted dynamite under those gains and is holding a match near the fuse. At this time we can only warn them that the history of the labor movement is full of stories of such attempts by greedy employers. The same history books show that our unions have grown bigger and stronger in the face of such attacks, because each struggle created stronger bonds among all workers and fanned their flames of militancy.

Local 1-S and its members will not be found wanting in any fight that may be necessary to preserve Union jobs and Union standards!

ANOTHER CASE OF MACY ARROGANCE is to get a hearing before an arbitrator in the near future. In that case, members of the Housekeeping Department are demanding that Macy's assume the same responsibility they want the workers to assume.

Scheduled to work overtime, these men were informed just a few hours before their extra work was to begin that the company did not need them. You couldn't do that to Macy's without the company hanging a big black mark on your record. But the company thinks they are free to do anything they want with you!

The Union has other ideas on the subject—and is fighting for them!

1-S Cancer Solicitation Effective As Researchers Mark New Progress



Officers and members of Local 1-S gave lunch hours and other time to make Cancer Campaign a success.

PAC Fund...

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Albany. It can be done!

"That's why this year's PAC fund raising campaign is one of the most important ever undertaken. And that is what I ask you to personally help guarantee its success.

"PAC dollars help support the election campaigns of labor-endorsed candidates. Those dollars also help provide the radio and TV programs, the leaflets and literature that bring the FACTS to the people."

In conclusion, the President told the Stewards that, "you will be just as proud as your officers when the final results are in."

Help Your Steward

Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson praised the Shop Stewards for their conscientious fund raising efforts, and asked that every Union member give the Stewards full support.

They said, "No Shop Steward, not matter how good and how devoted he or she may be, can do this important job all alone.

"Success depends on the active cooperation of every Union member who knows that politics has a direct effect on all of our economic battles with Macy's.

"We must fight on two fronts. We must maintain a relentless pressure on Macy's, but we must also use our strength and our dollars to help win elections and laws that are helpful to us.

Deadline

All PAC books and money collected must be turned in to the Union office no later than June 3rd. **BACK PAC—TODAY!**

HEALTH PLAN NOTE

If you plan to take a leave of absence (including maternity and military leave) for more than 30 days or if you leave the store and wish to continue your Health Plan coverage on a direct payment basis **YOU MUST** see the Local 1-S Health Plan Consultant at the Union office within 30 days from the end of the month in which you leave the store.

If you, or a member of your family covered by the Health Plan, enters the hospital you **MUST** call on the Union office for claim forms immediately on entering or as soon as possible thereafter.

Protect yourself—protect your family—protect your benefits. Be sure to come to the Union office on time.

The Local 1-S 1955 campaign for funds on behalf of the New York City Cancer Society raised more than \$600, according to President Sam Kovenetsky, with some collection cans still outstanding.

More than 100 volunteers from the Herald Square store joined the Union's officers in a two-day sidewalk solicitation in addition to the collection made inside the big store.

Within 48 hours of the end of the drive a group of research scientists announced the development of an experimental serum that was apparently effective in arresting cancer in animals.

While the scientists were placing heavy stress on the fact that no application of the serum to humans was contemplated at this time, the fact remained that the pennies, dimes, quarters and dollars which the members and leaders of Local 1-S gave and helped collect were performing invaluable work.

President Sam Kovenetsky and Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson, who spearheaded the Union's drive, said: "We wish to pass on to all members who participated in this worthy cam-

paign the thanks and appreciation of the New York Cancer Society.

"We also wish to urge that all members who have not yet returned the collection cans for which they are responsible do so immediately!"

"It is unnecessary and unfair," the officers continued, "for anyone to wait to have the cans picked up. A final accounting of our contributions makes it urgent that you act without delay.

"It is important to remember that the facilities of the Cancer Society are available to members of Local 1-S and their families. If the need should arise—and we hope it won't—be sure to call the Union office!"



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your husband
or wife . . .
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or parents

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Wisconsin Passes An Anti-PAC Measure

Twenty-five hours to the minute after debate started, the Wisconsin State Senate last week passed the Catlin political gag bill by a vote of 14-9.

The measure, which would prohibit labor organizations from contributing to any political organization or candidate "for any political purpose whatsoever," now goes to Gov. Kohler (R.) for signature.

Approval of the bill came after the eight Democratic state senators talked throughout the night to bring the bill to the attention of the voters in the State. It was by far the longest session in the history of the Wisconsin Legislature.

As Senate Minority Leader Maier stated at the outset of the debate, it was not the purpose of the Democrats to filibuster. But in view of the determination of the overwhelming Republican majority to rush the measure through, the only means the Democrats had of spotlighting the fight was through extended debate.

Discussion by the Democrats, as they talked round the clock, was confined to the measure and to the clear aim of the Republicans to silence any opposition.

The measure was sped through the Senate without hearings. The State Assembly earlier approved the bill despite the fact that only the author of the measure, Assembly Speaker Catlin, appeared on its behalf.

CIO and AFL officials throughout the State have joined in opposition to the Catlin Bill and a series of meetings have been planned to explain the bill.

Democrats pledged that "we have just begun to fight" and plan to campaign on the issue in the 1956 elections. The present State Senate has eight Democrats and 25 Republicans.

It was reported that Wisconsin Republicans plan to follow up the Catlin measure with a "right to work" bill which is already in the legislative hopper.



Only volunteers in the pink of health are accepted as Blood Bank donors. This group is going through the first stage of the medical examination to determine fitness. Percentage of "takens" was highest ever.



Blood Bank time, and the giving is easy! More than 2000 pledged to give to the Bank if they could. Final total rests on Flatbush turnout.

Union Protects Workers As Macy Acts to Mechanize the Cafeteria

In the face of Macy's determination to re-organize and mechanize their Cafeteria operation, Local 1-S is demanding that the company live up to both the letter and the spirit of the contract.

As the late May deadline neared, sharply contradictory reports were current of the steps the company was taking to abide by the agreement.

At stake is the fate of 41 workers whose jobs are slated to be eliminated either permanently or temporarily.

The Local 1-S contract with Macy's requires the company to avoid the layoff of any worker with one year or more of service by placing him in an equal or lower paying job.

Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson have had a series of face-to-face talks with management representatives on this potentially explosive subject.

They report that through the company's Employment Office displaced workers are being interviewed and offered placement in such jobs as Housekeeping, Tea-room, Packing and Floor Stock.

For a large number of workers, whose major working time has been spent in the food industry, the jobs offered by the company are not acceptable.

For those who are unwilling to accept a transfer instead of a lay-off, there is a representative of the United States Employment Service on hand to aid with counselling and placement.

To the workers involved, the uprooting has come as a rude shock. Even now there is no certainty amongst them as to how many of them will be called back to Macy's after the moving and

mechanizing has been completed.

The important thing they are sure of, however, is that those with the greatest seniority will be called back first, and that the Union will vigilantly guard that important right.

Said Vice Presidents Hoffstein and Atkinson, "Not even Macy's is sure of how many of these workers will have jobs to come back to. That is why we are leaving no stone unturned to see that the company makes every effort to place every worker in another job in the store."

"It is at a time like this that we can be proud of the clause in our contract which compels Macy's to place people who have a year or more of service to their credit."

Said President Sam Kovenetsky "In the old days Macy's would have just gone ahead with their plans and wouldn't have given a second thought to the people involved."

"Thanks to the strength of our Union and the provisions we have wrung from the company over the years, this is no longer so."

"We were satisfied to note the company's efforts to prevent hardship in this case. We are watching the company closely to make sure that they fulfill their promises."

One-A-Month

Starting with this issue the Local 1-S NEWS goes on its summer schedule of publishing only once a month until September.

We hope that between now and then all our readers will enjoy happy and healthful vacations in preparation for the tough battles which lie ahead.

Blood Bank...

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of-charge protection to all members of Local 1-S and other Macy employees, their husband or wives and children under 18. Children, regardless of age, who live at home, and parents are also covered for up to five pints of blood.

In its earlier days, the Blood Bank afforded coverage only to those covered by the Union's Health Plan, but expanded steadily with the larger responses to each year's appeal for donors.

It is now the responsibility of the Committee to study all available figures and decide whether, in their opinion, the Bank can successfully function for the next twelve months and continue the present high level of coverage.

How to Get Blood

To get blood from the Blood Bank all you have to do is call the Union office (WA 4-4540) and provide the following information:

1. Name and home address of patient.
2. Name and address of hospital.
3. Name of attending physician.
4. Hospital room number of patient.
5. Amount of blood needed.

After that, the Union does the rest.

How to Give Blood

If you were one of those who signed a Pledge Sheet, but whose giving was postponed—or if you have thought it over and decided that you would like to give to the Blood Bank—you can report directly to the Red Cross Blood Center nearest you. Just be sure to tell them that you want your donation credited to the Local 1-S, Macy's account.

High Praise

After devoting much time and energy to the success of the drive, Local 1-S President Sam Kovenetsky and Vice Presidents Phil Hoffstein and Bill Atkinson said:

"Once again we cannot give high enough praise to the American Red Cross and its entire staff for the outstanding job they have done."

"It also is our pleasure to point to the excellent planning and tireless work of the joint Local 1-S, Macy's Committee and all those associated with it who contributed so much to this success."

"But above all, our heartiest thanks and congratulations to the thousands of men and women who expressed their willingness to give and to those who finally were able to and did. We can all be proud of our great accomplishment."

AFL-CIO Leaders Hail New Labor Constitution

AFL Pres. George Meany and CIO Pres. Walter P. Reuther issued a joint statement last week on behalf of the Joint AFL-CIO Unity Committee, excerpts from which follow:

"The AFL-CIO Unity Committee is proud to report that it has drafted a proposed constitution for the new merged labor organization."

"The name of the merged organization will be decided at a later date."

"The constitution which the Joint Unity Committee has approved is a forward-looking document, geared to the needs of a democratic labor movement conscious of its responsibility to the people of this nation and the free world."

"This new constitution carries out implicitly the language and the spirit of the merger agreement which our Joint Unity Committee signed on Feb. 9. It recognizes the equal status of craft and industrial unions. It offers a closed-door policy to unions controlled or directed by Communists or other totalitarians. It promotes democratic unionism."

"It recognizes that all workers, whatever their race, color, creed or national origin, are entitled to share fully in the benefits of trade unionism. It provides effective remedies for keeping the new organization free of both corruption and totalitarianism, and for quick and effective penalties against unions which fail to measure up to the high ethical and moral standards to which the public has a right to expect of our affiliated organizations."

"It is a measure of the spirit of unity which has been uppermost in the minds of the representatives of both the CIO and AFL that this constitution was so quickly worked out by our committee. We firmly believe that it keeps faith with the hopes and best interests of the men and women of labor and all the citizens of this great nation. We feel certain it will be ratified by the executive bodies and conventions of our two organizations."

"This document, then, is another great step toward labor unity."

LOCAL 1-S CREDIT UNION OFFERS LOW-COST LOANS FOR VACATIONS

The Local 1-S Federal Credit Union—a cooperative bank chartered and supervised by the United States government—is ready to help make your vacation a pleasant one.

Low cost loans are available to Credit Union members who can't see their way clear to making the most of the vacation period their Union contract guarantees them.

Contrary to the strict provisions of commercial or savings banks, a Credit Union borrower has almost complete freedom in choosing the method and time of repaying his loan.

Because the Credit Union is run by its members, there is both friendly service and sympathetic understanding given to each one's personal needs and problems.

In addition to its easy borrowing facilities, the Credit Union pays a top three percent rate of interest on savings.

Let the Credit Union help make a perfect vacation possible for you and your family. If you don't belong—join today! If you are already a member—call WA 4-4540 and see what the Credit Union can do for you!

PERSONALS

FOR RENT—Manhattan apartment, West 183rd Street. Modern furnished bed-sitting room with kitchen privileges and all modern conveniences. Quiet house. Suitable for lady. Phone WA 7-0009 after 7PM.

FOR SALE—20" girl's bicycle. Good condition. Phone TY 2-0008 after 6:30PM.

Personal ads for the Local 1-S NEWS must be received at the Union office by the 1st or 15th day of each month. Ads received on the 1st will appear in the issue dated the 15th. Those received on the 15th will appear in the issue dated the 1st of the following month. This is offered as a service to members of Local 1-S and there is no charge for personal ads.

MEDICAL PLAN—For the name and address of the doctor, dentist, optometrist or podiatrist nearest you CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540 or Associated Physicians Medical Group—BU 8-4210 (Night or Day). Complete schedule of fees available upon request.

BLOOD BANK—If you need blood from the Blood Bank CALL the Union Office—WA 4-4540.

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